

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace figures 2 & 3 with the attached.

REMARKS

Entry of the amendment is requested. Claims 16-24 will be pending. These claims specifically define the nature of "B", following the elected species in the March 9, 2006 response.

Replacement figures are attached.

A specification amendment is submitted as well amending the priority claim. Reference to the PCT application was made in the declaration made of record and noted on the January 18, 2004 filing receipt.

Claims 16-24 require that element "B" be bis-maleimide polyethylene oxide. None of the references relied upon by the Examiner teach or suggest this element of the claims, rendering the rejections untenable.

The submission of a substitute declaration may be postponed until there is an indication of allowability.

All issues have been addressed. Prompt action on this application is believed proper.

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Respectfully submitted,

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